

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement in the instant application and divided the claims into two groups. Group I includes claims 1-15, 17, and 18, drawn to a method of growing eukaryotic cells in vitro on a stomach submucosa substrate. Group II includes claims 16, 19, and 20, drawn to a method for growing *H. pylori* prokaryotic cells in vitro on a stomach submucosa substrate. Applicants elect the Group I claims.

Amendments to the claims

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 21-36 are new. The new claims find support throughout the specification. In particular, the claims find support in the specification as follows: claim 21, page 5 in paragraph 2; claim 22, page 7 in paragraph 3; claim 23, page 5 in the second paragraph; claim 24, page 8 in line 2; claim 25, page 8, line 7; claim 26, page 5 in the second full paragraph; claim 27, page 7 line 19; claim 28, page 5, in paragraph 2 and page 10, lines 4-12; claim 29, page 7 in paragraph 3; claim 30, page 5 in the second paragraph; claims 31 and 32, page 5, paragraph 2, claim 33, page 5 in the second full paragraph; claim 34, page 7, line 19; claim 35, page 5 in the second full paragraph; and claim 36, page 7, line 19.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the claims, as amended herein, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issuance.

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